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APPLICATION OF) EXPEDITED UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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SERIAL NUMBER: 09/764,672) EXAMINING GROUP NO. 1713
FILED: JANUARY 18, 2001) EXAMINER: P. MULCAHY
TITLE: VULCANIZABLE RUBBER MIXES) RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 5

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 1, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 1, 2004. The Examiner's rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the remarks, reconsideration and early allowance of Claims 1-7 is courteously requested.

Amendment to the Specification: None.

Amendment to the Claims: None, a listing of Claims 1-7 begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings: None.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Appendix: None.

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